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SUBJECT: US-USSR ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT: FAST BREEDER
REACTORS (07.02): PHYSICS SEMINAR IN USSR

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1. PLEASE INFORM ARIFMETCHIKOV AT SCAE OF FOLLOWING
POINTS RE PROPOSED PHYSICS SEMINAR.
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2. US SIDE APPRECIATES SOVIET SIDE'S OFFER TO INCLUDE
PRESENTATIONS ON SHIELDING AS WELL AS BREEDING RATIO IN
PHYSICS SEMINAR. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS WITH
MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION TO 5TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON REACTOR SHIELDING HELD APRIL 18-23 AT KNOX-
VILLE - DRS. M. KULAKOVSKIY, OBNINSK INSTITUTE, YU.

YEGOROV, KURCHATOV INSTITUTE AND V. MASHKOVICH, MOSCOW
ENGINEERING PHYSICAL INSTITUTE - US SIDE NOW PROPOSES
HOLDING A SEPARATE SEMINAR ON SHIELDING IN AUTUMN 1978 IN
THE US.

3. US SIDE DOES NOT NOW HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE
PAPERS ON THE BREEDING RATIO AND ON ADDITIONAL PHYSICS
TOPICS WHICH COULD BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON FOR A JUNE
1977 SEMINAR. THE US SIDE PROPOSES THAT THE PHYSICS

SEMINAR ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THIS JUNE BE POSTPONED
UNTIL APRIL 1978 AND THAT THIS SEMINAR, TO BE HELD IN
APRIL 1978 IN THE USSR, INCLUDE PAPERS ON THE BREEDING
RATIO AND ON MUTUALLY-AGREED UPON SUBJECTS IN THE AREA OF
PHYSICS PARAMETERS, AS SUGGESTED IN THE BECKJORD JANUARY
13 LETTER TO KAZACHKOVSKIY.

4. BEGIN LOU, FYI. AS THE SOVIETS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY
AWARE ON APRIL 7 PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCED THE US
BREEDER PROGRAM WOULD BE RESTRUCTURED AND GREATER
ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO ALTERNATE DESIGNS. AS A
RESULT THERE WILL LIKELY BE SOME CHANGE OF EMPHASIS IN
FUTURE US-USSR BREEDER COOPERATION. IF QUERIED, THE
SOVIETS SHOULD BE REASSURED THAT THIS IN NO WAY SUGGESTS
A DEMINUTION OF OUR INTEREST FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION
IN THIS AREA. END LOU, FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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